





The Editors Write:

Hi, Gang!

Pfc. Bruce Snape writes to say that reading comics is a silly waste of time. "Maybe you can tell me, what is comic about them?" he questions.

The **public** gives the name "comics" to all the picturestrip adventure magazines whether they contain humor or not. Please don't blame the publishers for the name.

As for BLUE BOLT, we try to give our readers interesting entertainment of the kind they like, without harmful elements. Reading about exciting adventures is fun, say our readers. You can call BLUE BOLT a comic, or you can call it a picture adventure magazine. We don't care.

A word of appreciation is due to Pfc. Snape. He doesn't like comics, and forbids them to his youngster. He read a copy of BLUE BOLT "looking for trouble," he admits. His comment: "It is better than most. If some of our not-so-bright public MUST have comics, yours would be the best bet, the lesser of evils, so-to-speak." That rather left-handed compliment at least shows that Pfc. Snape is trying to be fair. It's "the American way."

Let's hope he gets a looksee at this issue and particularly our Editorial Page. We've picked these letters at random but they all seem to express an appreciation of the soundness of BLUE BOLT, comic or not.

> Cordially yours, THE EDITORS

The Readers Write:

Dear Editors:

I am a very faithful reader of BLUE BOLT and I've enjoyed every story I've ever read. Dick Cole and Cap Hawkins' True Tales are my favorites.

I think you are doing a wonderful job of urging the readers to buy Bonds and Stamps, Keep up the good work.

Respectfully, Gloria McMahon Pawtucket, Rhode Island

No effort at all. Gloria, to urge our readers to dig down deep for Stamps and Bonds. They realize it's one sure-fire way of helping win this war.

Dear Editors:

I read BLUE BOLT Comics for the first time when I was ill and forced to stay in bed. My dad bought me several comics but of them all I like BLUE BOLT the best. After that I made sure to get my favorite comic book every month at the newsstand.

I particularly like Edison Bell, as it is a story of real American boys and girls very much like my own friends. I also like Dick Cole. The only story I really don't care for much is Krisko and Jasper, but I do think that your new Q. and A. feature is swell. I hope BLUE BOLT can continue to bring me the same pleasure it always has.

Yours truly, Leila A. Katz Brooklyn, N. Y.

We try our best to see that it does, Leila.

Dear Editors:

I have just finished reading the latest issue of BLUE BOLT and I think it is one of the greatest comics ever published. It's TOPS!! It's always at the head of my list—and I read them all. Like many other boys and girls, I'm glad BLUE BOLT is the same as ever. So many comics have been changed for the worse by the war and paper shortage. Keep up the good work!

A true reader, Anne Harding Corona, California

W-e-l-!!! Thanks a lot, Anne. Yout bouquet of orchids is very much appreciated.

Dear Editors:

I have only read one of your BLUE BOLT Comics, but I think it's swell and will read all the others I can

get a hold of.

I like Fearless Fellers, Edison Bell and Blue Bolt best. I have always liked stories about kids. I would like to congratulate you on the fact that BLUE BOLT is sensible except Krisko and Jasper, of course, who aren't supposed to be. They really are good. You don't let your imagination run away with you, which is another good point in your favor.

Yours truly, Thelma Poppell Tallahassee, Florida

We try to keep BLUE BOLT from becoming too fantastic, Thelma, but there are times, we must admit, when we occasionally stray from cold, hard facts.

Dear Editors:

I think the new Q. & A. quiz is the best feature of any magazine I have ever read. Please keep on printing them as the whole family enjoys them. They're lots of fun and still educational.

> Yours very truly, Lawrence Hofner Detroit, Michigan

We're partial to the Q's and A's ourselves, Lawrence!

Dear Editors:

I read the latest issue of BLUE BOLT and I think it's very good. It's not my favorite comic book but it runs a close second. I like your Q. and A. feature and my brother likes them, too. Some of them even helped me in school! Dick Cole and Krisko & Jasper are my favorites.

A reader, Bobby Ethridge Hartwell, Ga.

Glad we're in the running, Bobby. Maybe after this issue we'll take the

HELP THE RED CROSS

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WELL, OF ALL THE BRASS!
CHANGE HER — WHY LAURA
IS PERFECT JUST AS SHE IS!
I WOULDN'T HAVE HER.
CHANGE A THING! AND—
WHAT'S MORE, SHE WOULDN'T!
THE NERVE OF THAT GUY!

WE WILL LEAVE THE FARR SCENE AND PROCEED TO CENTERVIEW AND THE COUNTY JAIL LOCATED IN THAT TOWN.
CENTERVIEW IS SOME TWENTY FIVE MILES SOUTH EAST OF FARR MILITARY ACADEMY.

IT IS NOON, DINNER TIME FOR THE ONLY INMATES OF THE JAIL, TWO PRISONERS IN CELL NUMBER THREE.



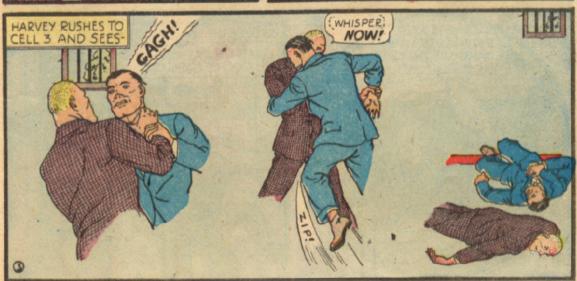
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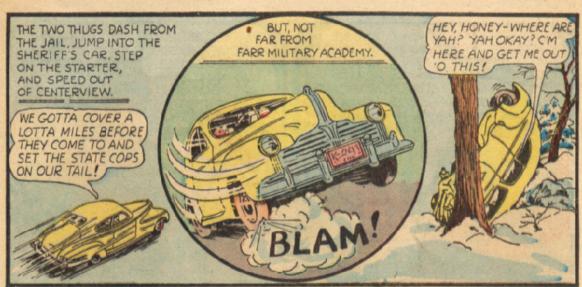








QUESTION Is the correct spelling "sheriff", "sherrif", or "sherriff"?











"Sheriff" is correct, as in the pictures. "SheriH"























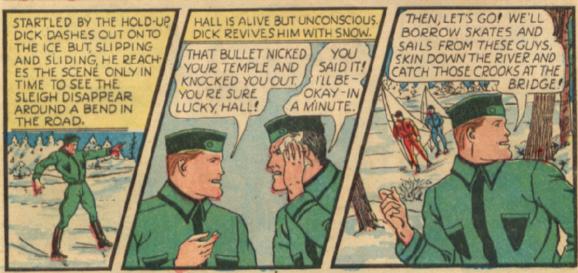




The hard-hearted villain in "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN". STORY









Question Is a cubic foot of ice heavier than a cubic foot of water?



Wo, if is lighter, " And All al fi ,oM

THE CAREENING
SLEIGH STRIKES
A STANCHION
AND CAPSIZES,
THROWING THE
OCCUPANTS
VIOLENTLY OUT
THE TRACES PART
AND THE HORSE
BOLTS DOWN THE
ROAD



FIRST TO REGAIN HIS WITS- ALL RIGHT, SISTER GET UP! YOU TWO BABES



MEANWHILE, HELENE GETS TO HER FEET, SEIZES THE UN-CONSCIOUS HONEY'S GUN AND STEAL'S UPON KILLER.

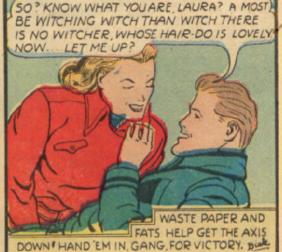
DROP THAT GUN! QUICK!)











DON'T SACRIFICE YOUR BOOKS AND STUDIES LEAVE WORKING TO YOUR OLDER BUDDIES.







SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER.



QUESTION In history, which was a Norman: Attila, William the Conqueror, Genghis Khan?













William the Conqueror was a Norman, 5'00 W













HE VALIANT PARATROOPERS KEPT ON, CLEARING THE ROAD - FIGHTING THEIR WAY TO CHERBOURG = STORMING TOWNS AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS DRIVING THE ENEMY DEEPER INTO RETREAT ... AND THAT'S HOW D-DAY BEGAN-WITH DARING MEN DROPPING OUT OF THE SKIES!

DON'T EVER DOUBT YOUR HOME-FRONT CHORE WILL HELP A LOT TO WIN THIS WAR.









BONDS AND STAMPS IN MUCH PROFUSION WILL CAUSE THE ENEMY MUCH CONFUSION.

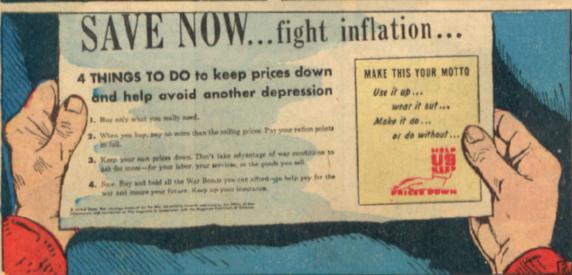












No. coffee pot shown is of the drip variety. "We'e'











OKAY, DAD! ONLY THIS IDEA



















QUESTION Which fish mentioned on this page is most dangerous?







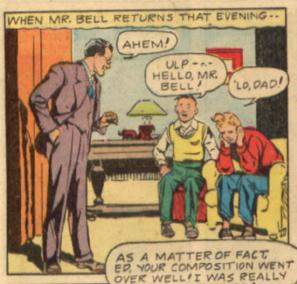








Barracuda, by far. Langer









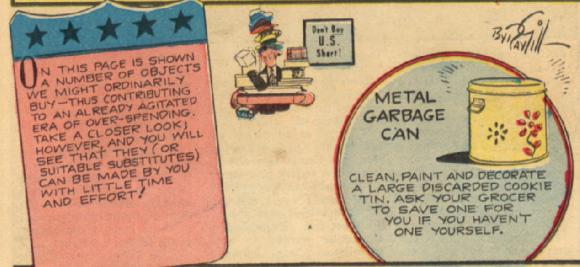


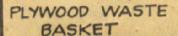




ANTI-INFLATION COMPOSITION, SEE THE NEXT PAGE.

IN CO OPERATION WITH OUR GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-INFLATION CAMPAIGN, EDISON BELL SUGGESTS -









TOP VIEW

THIN

NAILS.

SAW FOUR EQUAL SIDES PLUS ONE SQUARE PIECE FOR BOTTOM. PASTE ON MAGAZINE PICTURE AND VARNISH.



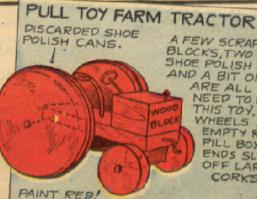
MODERNISTIC TABLE LAMP

THE RICH LOOKING CENTRAL SECTION (BELIEVE IT OR NOT) IS AN INEXPENSIVE ROLLING PIN-HANDLES REMOVED! BUY ROLLING PIN WITH HOLE THROUGH CENTER, USE SOCKET TUBING FROM OLD LAMP. SHADE MAY BE BOUGHT IN "FIVE AND TEN." SQUARE WOOD BASE.



SLICE ENDS OFF LARGE CORKS FOR

WHEELS.



A FEW SCRAP WOOD BLOCKS, TWO EMPTY SHOE POLISH CANS AND A BIT OF WIRE ARE ALL YOU NEED TO MAKE THIS TOY FRONT WHEELS ARE EMPTY ROUND PILL BOXES OR ENDS SLICED CORKS.

MAN BITES DOG

By SETH HARMON

JULIE popped another sour-ball in her mouth and adjusted the bed-lamp. "How To Be An Ace Reporter" was the title of her book.

"When a dog bites a man, who cares?" she read. "Butwhen a man bites a dog, that's

"Bong, bong, bong ... " The townhall clock was striking midnight. From force of habit, Julie counted the strokes.

"Eleven, twelve-thirteen!" Julie blinked. Then she jumped out of bed and grabbed a pencil.

Man Bites Dog! Clock

Strikes Thirteen! Could anything make a better headline in the Greenville Gazette?

Morning came, and Julie reconsidered. She had been laughed at too often already in that old newspaper office. This time she would get a real

Right after breakfast she headed for the townhall and yelled at Luke, the janitor, to give her the key to the clocktower. Luke was deaf as a door-nail, so no use asking him if he heard the clock strike thirteen.

Up the steps to the tower climbed Julie. She inserted the key, but needn't have turned it. The old lock barely hung to the doorframe.

There in the semi-darkness she spied it-a strange-looking wad tangled in the striking mechanism.

Julie pulled the wad out. It was an old jacket with the initials P W painted on the back. She found some old newspapers on the floor. Apparently "P W" had slept

there and tried to hide his jacket in the clock.

Now Julie knew the man's initials and his hideout. But why did he want to hide himself and the old jacket?

The girl examined the old newspapers. On page 3 of last Sunday's Center City Chronicle was a square hole where an item had been clipped out.

"If only I could find out what that item was about." Julie decided. Everybody in Greenville seemed to have contributed last Sunday's Chronicle to the paper salvage drive. At salvage headquarters, Julie had to paw through nearly three tons of waste paper before she found it.

It wouldn't be fair to Julie to tell you what she found in that newspaper. This is her news scoop, not ours. But in no time at all she took up guard-duty on a bench near the townhall door.

While she waited for "P W" to appear, a dejected, lonely-looking soldier came along. He asked if she minded if he sat down.

No, Julie didn't mind. She offered him a sourball and said cheerily, "Stranger in town?"

Yes, he was a stranger.

"I suppose you 'came over from Camp Waverly?"

Yes, he had come over from Camp Waverly.

"How did you get here?" Julie encouraged, all the while keeping an eye on everyone who went into townhall.

"Er- by train," was the cautious reply. Julie caught her breath. It so happened no trains ran to Camp Waverly!

Julie had to use heaps of persuasion to get the shy young soldier to visit the canteen that evening. She did it by describing the free refreshments. He was broke and he was hungry.

It required heaps more persuasion to get Julie's big sister Helen to ask the young fellow to escort her home after the entertainment. Julie did that by pointing out how it would make Helen's easygoing sergeant jealous.

Julie had everything prepared. She bolted all the window-shutters shut on the outside. She waited in the darkness until Helen and her escort stepped into the house. Then she locked the front door and ran for Constable Sellers. She showed him the clipping from the Chronicle: "War Prisoner Escapes from Center City Camp.'

"I hope Mother and Dad don't get home before we do." sighed Julie. "They'll be terribly frightened."

"You'll be frightened if this turns out to be a wild-goose chase!" growled the constable.

They caught Julie's cap-tured "soldier" crawling out the coal-chute. When they identified his jacket, marked "P W", as that of the escaped Prisoner of War, Julie became a heroine, not a laughing-stock.

'How did you do it?" all Greenville demanded when Julie's signed story appeared on the Gazette's front page.

"Oh, I just know when a man bites a dog," she said, and popped another sourball into her mouth.

THE END



SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER.



QUESTION What does "pressurized" mean in picture 2?

Automatic regulation of air pressure. 30 No. 30 No.















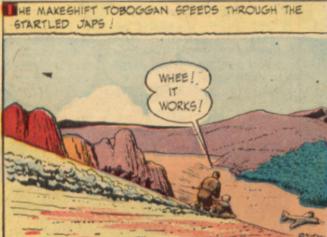


















THOUGH WORKING IS A NEVER-ENDING GAME HARD STUDY OFTEN PAVES THE ROAD TO FAME.



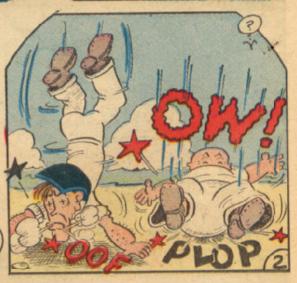












QUESTION Is a P-38 a pursuit plane?



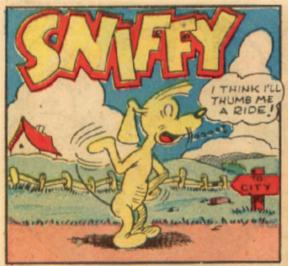
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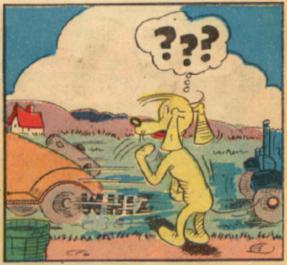


QUESTION Are any animals cannibals?



Yes. Many animals devour their own kind. 224 W







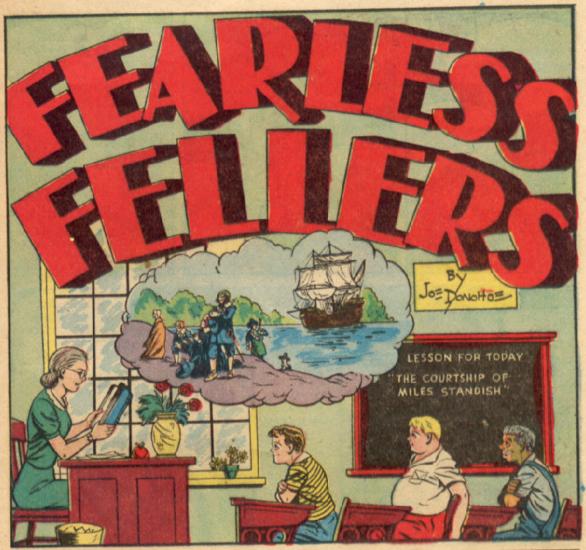








SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER.







IT WILL MAKE THE JAP AND JERRY SORE WHEN WE AT HOME HELP WIN THE WAR.









AS THE READER KNOWS BUTCH IS ACTUALLY A GIRL MASQUERAD-ING AS A BOY







QUESTION Who wrote "THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH"?

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1858. ** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1858.





























BUTCH IS EVERYWHERE, KICKING



QUESTION Which word means "fray": flock, fight, fragile?

















A fray is a fight. July A

Gummed Up

by DAVID MARKE

ON JOSE, as continental a Caballero as one could find anywhere, possessed at least one typically American trait. He was crazy about

chewing gum.

There were times when Don Jose confessed that he loved chewing gum even more than the thrill of snatching some rare and precious bauble from beneath the noses of the police of two conti-

Now, comfortably seated in his suite at the exclusive Barbierra Hotel, Don Jose opened a fresh package of gum and deftly placed a stick in his mouth. When it was reduced to a satisfactory state, he turned his attention to the business at hand.

"Have you made the reservations on the Clipper for Lisbon?" he asked of his friend, Francisco, who sat op-

posite him.

"Of course!" replied the rotund Francisco. "We take off at eleven tomorrow morn-

ing."
"Perfect!" laughed Don Jose, rolling the gum from one side of his mouth to the other. "I shall have more than enough time to visit Poitres Freres.

"But you've retired," pro-

tested Francisco.

"True!" laughed Don Jose. "But would you have me pass up \$60,000 in matched stones? With such a sum our journey to Lisbon should be even more enjoyable.'

"The perfect climax to our very profitable careers,"

chuckled Francisco.

As midnight struck, Don Jose, with a final pat of his

inside pocket to make sure that his gloves were there, strode out of his suite, throwing back over his shoulder a chipper goodbye. "I shall be back within the hour, my friend, with the finest matched stones in all America.'

A few minutes' brisk walk and he reached his destination. Halting on the opposite side of the street his keen eyes darted about to make sure the road was clear.

Satisfied, he strolled to the rear of the shop. A few deft passes, and he was inside. Then, carefully dismantling the police alarm, he proceeded to the task of opening the safe.

Ear pressed to steel door, his long supple fingers swung the knob back and forth, His jaws, freshly stoked, seemed to move in unison with his

fingers.

Minutes dragged by and still the safe wouldn't open. Don Jose began to mutter to himself. Suddenly he stopped! What was that?!? It was a sound-a soft, sibilant sound, ending in a plunk. He re-mained rigid and alert! There it was again! It seemed to come from nowhere particularly. He seemed suddenly bathed in perspiration, and he shivered slightly.

He listened intently. Why! It was . . . and then he began to swear loudly and fluently. The noise came from his own jaws . . . from the chewing

gum!

It was but the work of a moment to snatch off his glove, dispose of the gum and thereafter to open the safe. Another moment and he had

lifted the matched stones from their case and slipped them into his pocket. "They're worth every penny," he chor-tled to himself . . . "Now to leave everything as I found it . . . Mustn't forget the Don lose touch!" Closing the safe, he reassembled the burglar alarm and left the building as he had entered.

Don Jose and Francisco were at peace with the world. In ten minutes the Clipper would take off-the beginning of a long life of leisure and comfort. They would settle down in a villa in Don Jose's beloved Castile. Ah, that was going to be the life!

But Don Jose and Francisco were rudely awakened out of their dream world. Three stern-visaged men had entered the Clipper, flashing

police badges.

"The buggy ride is over, boys," growled one. "You're under arrest for snatching that necklace from Poitres Freres.

Don Jose turned pale. His mind raced back over the events of the night. Where had he slipped? This arrest was crushing enough, but the blow to his pride . . . his skill ... was even worse! He was stunned.

"Tell me, senor," he asked as he was led off the Clipper. "How did you know that it was I who stole the jewels?"

"That's easy, bud. By this. You left a perfect fingerprint, too." The detective held a piece of glass out to Don Jose in the center of which was a wad of chewing gum!

THE END





COLLECT ALL PAPER, TIN AND JRON TO MAKE THOSE JAPS CEASE THEIR FIRIN'.









PINKY'S A SMART BOY. HE WANTS





ALL RIGHT. THERE'S A JOB

AT THE MARTIN RADIO





QUESTION Is there an article called a cue on the opposite page?

Yes. It is the straight, tapering rod used to play pool. 42 No. 12









PINKY-IS ANGRY AT



AGAIN SPOOK RELAYS HIS FINDINGS TO HIS FRIEND-IT'LL KILL HIS MOTHER AND RUIN HIM, SOME -THING'S, GOT TO BE DONE, SPOOK- AND FAST



















QUESTION In the third picture: "Set a while here". Correct English?





















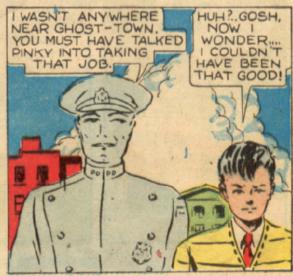




QUESTION Were Marie and Pierre Curie born in the same city?

Marie Curie was born in Warsaw; Pierre in Paris. 124 Warsaw









WE'LL BUILD OUR COUNTRY

BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI...WE'LL

FIGHT THROUGH

THE WILDERNESS THE PIONEERS!



BUILDERS, PINKY

THAT'S WHAT I WANT

TO BE-A BUILDER!

YES-WE WERE ALL

AND THERE WILL BE MILLIONS MORE STRONG FREE PEOPLE TO BUILD UP A NEW WORLD-THE NEW WORLD

OF PEACE THAT'LL BE COMING.

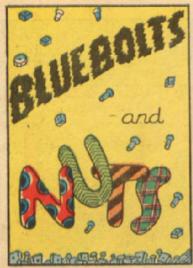


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